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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 29, 2003**

Honorable Director of  
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Dear Sir,

In supplementation to response to the Office Action of January 29, 2003, mailed March 31, 2003, appended hereto is a declaration signed by the 5<sup>th</sup> inventor, John Paul Russell.

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Respectfully submitted,

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